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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form SB08 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed.

Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that the references listed on the enclosed Form SB08 were cited in (1) the corresponding Indian patent application and (2) the corresponding Japanese patent application.

A copy of the Opposition received 31 August 2009 in the corresponding Indian application is attached herewith (refer to listing on pages 21-23 and the footnotes on pages 39 and 41 for cited prior art). Applicant's advise that references WO 00/09092 (prior art D7), EP 1 086 694 (prior art D13), US 5,229,131 (prior art D20) and US 5,656,290 (prior art D33) were disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed 11 April 2005. Additionally a copy of the Office Action, dated 24 September 2009, received in the corresponding Japanese application and its corresponding English translation are attached herewith.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

English abstracts are provided for all Japanese references.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed
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- ☐ The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. A copy of each U.S. patent application publication (if published) or application (if not published) is enclosed.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form SB08, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

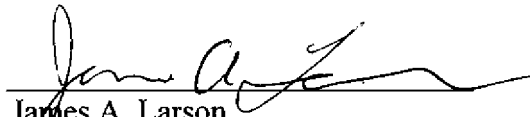
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